

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

[0005] Applicant would like to sincerely thank Examiner Debnath for conducting a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative, David S. Thompson on 24 February 2009.

[0006] During the interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed distinctions between the claims and the cited Challenger and Bailey references. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant's representative also proposed possible amendments.

[0007] Based on the conversation with the Examiner, Applicant's representative understood that claims adjusted in the scope to recite all of the elements of claims 1 and 56, combined, would be probably be allowable over the cited of record. While Claims 1 and 56 are both independent claims, the Examiner suggested that if combined in a non-overlapping manner, that he would consider the resulting claims.

[0010] Applicant herein amends the claims consistent with the discussion during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited references of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.